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# WELDING INSPECTION REPORT

Resident Engineer: Pursell, Gary **Report No:** WIR-006379 Address: 333 Burma Road **Date Inspected:** 14-Apr-2009

City: Oakland, CA 94607

**OSM Arrival Time:** 1845 **Project Name:** SAS Superstructure **OSM Departure Time:** 645 **Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV

Contractor: Zhenhua Port Machinery Company, Ltd (ZPMC), Changxing Island **Location:** Shanghai, China

**CWI Name:** Jing Dong Liang, Guo Yan Fei **CWI Present:** Yes No **Inspected CWI report:** Yes N/A **Rod Oven in Use:** Yes No No N/A N/A **Electrode to specification:** Yes No Weld Procedures Followed: Yes No N/A N/A **Qualified Welders:** Yes No **Verified Joint Fit-up:** Yes No N/A N/A Yes N/A **Approved Drawings:** Yes No **Approved WPS:** No Yes No N/A **Delayed / Cancelled:** 

34-0006 **Bridge No: Component:** Tower and OBG Components

## **Summary of Items Observed:**

On this date Caltrans OSM Quality Assurance (QA) Inspector George Goulet was present during the times noted above for observations relative to the work being performed.

#### Bay 10

This QA Inspector, George Goulet, randomly observed the following work in progress in Bay 10: Fitting and SMAW tack welding of weld joint SSD1-FCSA3-1B/C-51, 52 located on PCMK south tower, lift 3, skin C. Welders were identified respectively as 040475 and 250253. ZPMC QC was identified as Jing Dong Liang (QC1). Assisting QC1 at this location and appearing to be monitoring the welding was ZPMC QC Inspector Lu Wei Chao, who was not a CWI. The welding variables recorded by QC1 and his assistant appeared to comply with WPS-B-P-2312-B-Tc-P5.

SAW welding of weld joint NSD1-FDSA3-1B/C-4B located on PCMK north tower, lift 3, skin D. Welder was identified as 201750. ZPMC QC was identified as QC1. Assisting QC1 at this location and appearing to be monitoring the welding was ZPMC QC Inspector Lu Wei Chao, who was not a CWI. The welding variables recorded by QC1 and his assistant appeared to comply with WPS-B-T-2221-B-U3c-S-2.

#### Bay 9 - PMT

This QA Inspector, George Goulet, monitored OBG Production Monitoring Test (PMT) #1 for deck panels DP348-002 and DP131-002 at Gantry #2. Prior to PMT #1, the magnetic particle test (MT) of the tack welds was noted on the test panel as having been performed by ZPMC MT Inspector Xu Bing. The visual inspection of tack welds and root gap was performed by ABF Representative Lv Yun (ABF), ZPMC CWI Guo Yan Fei (QC2), and

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this QA Inspector, George Goulet. The start time for welding of PMT #1 was approximately 0012 hours on Wednesday, 4/15/09 and the finish time was approximately 0045 hours. This QA Inspector, George Goulet, randomly verified and documented the welding amperage, voltage and travel speed during the gas metal arc welding (GMAW) and submerged arc welding (SAW) processes, welds 1 thru 6 at the completion of both the GMAW root pass and SAW cover pass. The welds were visually inspected by ABF, QC2 and this QA inspector, George Goulet. QC2 and ABF informed this QA Inspector, George Goulet, that all six welds were acceptable and this QA Inspector, George Goulet, concurred. This QA Inspector, George Goulet, randomly witnessed ZPMC ultrasonic testing (UT) inspector, identified as Xue Hai Rong, perform UT on each of the 500 mm test welds for depth of penetration and conformance. This QA Inspector, George Goulet, selected fifteen designated locations for macroetch sampling per contract requirements. Each macroetch location was stamped by ZPMC personnel with the number 348, the letter K, and an individual macroetch identifying number for each macroetch. After removal from each of the weld test specimens and polishing of the selected end, the macroetches were evaluated with a 7X optical comparator and a 10X optical comparator and accepted by QC2, ABF, and this QA Inspector, George Goulet.

All fifteen sample macros appeared to meet requirements and were noted to appear acceptable. See Caltrans U-ribs PMT Inspection Sheet, ZPMC production monitoring test plate inspection report, and Caltrans Macro Etch Log - all dated 4/15/2008 for additional information.

## **Summary of Conversations:**

As noted above, and this QA Inspector, George Goulet, asked each QC if all the welding variables observed by him appeared to comply with the appropriate WPS, including the preheat requirements according to thickness of the thickest member being welded. Each QC showed this QA Inspector, George Goulet, that he was carrying the proper temperature sticks to monitor the minimum and maximum preheat and interpass temperatures and replied that all he observed did appear to comply.

### Comments

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact Eric Tsang, 134-8257-0045, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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Reviewed By:	Carreon, Albert	QA Reviewer